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5298-06500/PM01026IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re Application of:
Ramkumar et al.

Serial No. 10/010,833

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For: METHOD OF FORMING
SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURES
WITH REDUCED STEP HEIGHTSGroup Art Unit: 1765
Examiner: DuyVu Nguyen Deo

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Dear Sir/ Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.